

A PRETTY CEREMONIAL.

UNVEILING OF HER MAJESTY'S PORTRAIT AT ST. THOMAS.

Chester Lodge, The First S.O.E. Lodge in Ontario to Supply Their Hall With the Queen's Portrait, Have a Memorable Gathering—Interesting Speeches.

St. Thomas, Ont., Oct. 18.—Chester Lodge No. 18, had a memorable gathering last night for the unveiling of the beautiful portrait in oil of Her Most Gracious Majesty Queen Victoria. The portrait was painted by Mr. R. H. Whale, the well-known artist and is a splendid work of art; and framed in antique oak gilt by Squire & Co. The ceremony took place at the Opera House, and was largely attended not only by the elite of English society, but by the most prominent British and Canadian residents generally.

Bro. John King, Past President of the Lodge, presided. Mayor McCully and Aldermen Gilbert, Wright and Midgeley were among those present.

SPEECHES.

The Chairman opened the business of the evening with a most appreciative speech. He congratulated the Lodge on having provided their lodge-room with so fine and so appropriate a portrait as that of Her Majesty which they were shortly to enjoy the privilege of seeing unveiled. He believed Lodge Chester, S.O.E. was the first lodge of the Order in Ontario to supply their lodge-room with such a painting. Competent judges had pronounced the portrait not only to be creditable to St. Thomas, but to any artist. He thought it a good idea to provide such a painting while the subject of it was alive. Our Queen was not only a noble monarch, but a grand woman and a good mother.

Mr. W. L. Wickett followed with a neat little speech, expressing his pleasure at being present to do honour to the greatest and best sovereign in the world, and referring to the great progress made during her reign, closing with a tribute to her worth from Tennyson. He was followed by Ald. Midgeley in a characteristically patriotic speech.

THE UNVEILING.

Two ladies, Daughters of England, Misses Yeo and Upton, then drew aside the curtain which veiled the portrait at the back of the stage, the band playing "God Save the Queen," followed by "The Red, White and Blue," the audience rising.

The oration of the evening was then delivered by Bro. Dr. J. S. King, of Toronto, P.S.G.P., of the Order.

The very air, he said, was redolent of themes, whether one gazed on the beautiful portrait of Her Majesty, on the women who were there, the better half of mankind, or the brotherhood present, humanitarian, patriotic and fraternal. The reason the Queen was so revered was because of her noble womanhood. She is the peerless sovereign of a peerless empire. Though she has attained to an old age, Providence seems to be preserving her life, not only in the interests of the British nation, but of humanity. What a noble woman for mothers to imitate! The Sons of England owe much to the aid of woman. Man owes much to her in the fierce battles of life. Woman's influence, when exerted for good knows no limit. If he were not satisfied that the society represented did not tend to elevate humanity and cement its members in patriotic bonds, he would not ask for it the smiles and support of women.

It is as much a duty to teach loyalty as the common principles of education. As Sons of England they were not banded together simply to perpetuate the English name, or to present a bold front to any other nationality. English-Canadians wished to have the daughter Canada still united to the mother England. He hoped England, and by England he meant Great Britain, and her colonies, would yet be united in a grand confederation. The newsboys in London when asked by his friend Mr. Rich, did not know what annexation meant; we don't know, and we don't want to know what can't be.

The nucleus of the Sons of England consisted of eight men, who bound themselves to aid each other in getting employment, or to see that none would want, if out of employment. Out of this had grown the first lodge, Albion, now having 500 members. Other Lodges followed until they were in the two hundred with 10,000 members, providing death and sick benefits as a right, not doled out by the cold hand of charity. The society was also intended to perpetuate the British Constitution. Loyalty to England meant none the less loyalty to Canada. We should also be loyal to humanity and help to raise each other up. He predicted a glorious future for the Order. The Grand Lodge had instructed a committee to prepare a new constitution providing for a SOVEREIGN GRAND LODGE FOR THE WHOLE WORLD.

And thus extending British liberty everywhere. In conclusion he said they knew no political party, only loyalty to country, which he illustrated by a poetic quotation. He resumed his seat amid hearty applause.

In the course of the evening a spirited musical programme was provided the instrumental part being taken by Mrs. James Vicary and the Y.M.C.A. band under the talented leadership of Mr. H. E. Crooks. The vocal music was supplied by Messrs. Sutton and Simons' duet, and Mr. W. H. Rich. Mr. Rich also gave some sleight of hand work in great style and clever dancing steps and recitations, being warmly applauded. Miss Bessie Merrilies and Miss May Yonge gave several charming recitations. It may suffice to say, in acknowledgment of the high ability of all who contributed to the programme that it was delightfully carried out without an exception.

DEATH OF A WINNIPEG BROTHER.

Tribute of Affection from Neptune Lodge—An Argument for the Beneficiary Fund.

Winnipeg, Oct. 8.—At the last meeting of Lodge Neptune No. 144. It being quarterly night there was a very good attendance. Three new members were added to our roll, and four applications for membership were read. Still to a stranger visiting our Lodge it would seem that something was wrong. He would have seen indications of sadness all around the room that he could not understand until at last his eyes would catch the charter draped with crape as an intimation that one of our members had passed away.

During the Order of General Business the following motion was unanimously carried by a Standing Vote.

Moved by Bro. W. Troughton, seconded by Bro. J. Heaton,—"That the members of this Lodge desire to convey to Mrs. Tiley and members of her family their deep sense of regret at the loss which they have sustained by the death of our late lamented brother, George Tiley; and they further desire to express their heartfelt sympathies with his sorrowing relatives and friends in their sad bereavement.

"It is gratifying to know that our late brother, by his exemplary life and conduct had endeared himself to all with whom he came in contact, and his loss is much regretted, but we are assured that the many christian virtues which marked his life will be a source of consolation to you in this time of your affliction. Signed on behalf of the members, W. Jones, President; W. G. Stubbs, Rec. Secretary.

Our late Bro. George Tiley was a chartered member of our Lodge. He took a very active part in furthering the interest of the society. When a brother who has given his time to the Order that others may be benefited by it is taken from us, it brings to our mind the words of our immortal Shakespeare:

"All the world's a stage, and we the players thereon.

Men have their entrance and their exits, and in time play many parts.

A walking shadow who frets his time on the stage and then is seen no more."

Gone from the stage of life is one who has played his part nobly and well. He has made his exit to be seen no more.

The magnitude of so small a word as exit can be fully realized by all who knew our late brother; for it conveys the absence of a sincere friend, a Brother who by his actions had proved to be true to his God, true to his country and an ornament to society.

AN ARGUMENT FOR THE BENEFICIARY FUND.

There is one more thought that this lamentable circumstance conveys to my mind, namely, the importance of taking up a life policy in the Beneficiary Department. I am sorry to say our late Bro. Tiley was not a member of this important branch of our society. Three members of our Lodge have now passed away and not one of them was in the Beneficiary. This matter is worth the serious consideration of our members. Think how often we see a widow with a small family forced to marry a man she can never love in order to get the necessities of life for her children. There are many things that a woman is compelled to do that is left with three or four children that she would not do had her husband left her a sufficient amount to keep her and her children from starving.

I have spoken to some of our members about this and they have told me they are going to join but they can't raise the money just now. Now, this is all bosh. There is not one of us who is in work but can join this Department, and I take it as a duty I owe to my wife and children. The man is a fool who says he will not insure his life to enable his wife to get another husband. I have insured my life so that my wife will not be forced to marry a fool in order to make a home for the children. W. J.

WINNIPEG LODGE NEWS.

Donation to the Toronto Lifeboat—A Missing Brother.

WINNIPEG, Oct. 8.—Lodge Westward Ho, No. 98, being the Pioneer Lodge of the order in Manitoba and N. W. Territories, is again apparently fulfilling its destiny to be in at times to the best in any enterprise likely to conduce to the benefit of the Order. On the strength of a cable published in the ANGLO-SAXON in a recent issue in respect to the launching of a Sons of England Life Boat in Toronto, this lodge voted from its contingent fund, the sum of five dollars to be forwarded the L. B. Association through the editor of the ANGLO-SAXON for the purpose of aiding in paying off a portion of the balance yet owing upon that truly humane and patriotic undertaking.

The lodges here are making every effort to discover the whereabouts of a missing Brother, Wm. Bassett, who left his home and family in Deseronto, Ont. some weeks since, ostensibly to come to Manitoba, and nothing having been heard of him since, his Lodge has notified the Lodges in this section of the Dominion of the matter. By authority of this Lodge the Secretary of Westward Ho, has advertised for the missing man in the daily and weekly papers published in this city.

Who are "Canadians"?

"It is time, suggests the Ottawa ANGLO-SAXON, to stop the hard and fast distinction drawn between people who happen to be born in Canada and those who have lived in it all their lives nearly, without having been "born" in this part of the empire."—Canadian Churchman, Toronto, Sept. 29th, 1892.

DECREE LODGES S. O. E.

AN IMPORTANT CONSTITUTIONAL CHANGE SUGGESTED.

A Northwest Brother Proposes a New Procedure in the Matter of Degree Lodges—An Argument Put Forth for Discussion.

Winnipeg, Oct. 17.—It seems a decree of Providence that all things English must be governed by a precedent, so when the young giant, Sons of England, was ushered into the world it claimed that tremendous code, the British Constitution, for its paternal relative, its mentor and its guide. Of course it would not be quite nice to allude here to its birth amid sordid surroundings and so on, but we will proceed to propel our vehicle along the following route. It appears that in all constitutional forms of government where the representatives are elected by the

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that it is necessary to divide those representatives into three orders—a leader who has more or less absolute power, the rank and file composing the "membership" of the assembly, with yet a third element containing within itself a force emanating from both the others as it were, which enables it to at times act as a curb, or break, upon either factor, and so preventing undue preponderance.

Admitting the truth of these premises it must be evident to every person who thinks at all about such matters, that such a combination is capable of almost any amount of complications. Some of the combines can be arranged to give the head, be it sovereign, president, doge, or by whatever name it may be called, practically unlimited power, or it may, as is the case in England, leave the chief magistrate a mere figurehead.

THE DIFFICULTY

in building any of the modifications of this form of government does not seem to be in selecting the head, or the ordinary members of the assembly itself, but the second or intermediate power placed between the other two. In practice there have been several ways of doing it. In England, for instance, it has been given in former days mostly as a reward for services rendered to kings in time of war, later for services rendered the nation under similar conditions, and still later it has been given to skilled lawyers and statesmen for public services. In America also it is given as a reward for services rendered the nation in Congress, and professedly without respect to party politics. In Canada much the same rule governs.

Now all of these systems have some very grave objections not necessary to touch upon here, but however great these may be, no plan could be so utterly useless as to allow places in this Upper House to be bought for a small sum of money, upon payment of which the only check upon any one becoming a member of the privileged class being whether the existent members of the select considered him worthy of admission, while they themselves were governed by no other code to gauge worthiness than their own sweet will. To make such a state of affairs even worse, what plan could be better adapted for the purpose than to compel an ordinary member to pay the initiatory fee into the coffers of this assembly, and to again run the gauntlet of the ballot ere he could assume an office to which he had been squarely elected by a majority of the members present at a meeting where the Three Estates were fully represented?

It is not the writer's intention to merely assert his privilege as a true-born Englishman by grumbling at the state of affairs as he thinks he finds them in the Sons of England, but to suggest

A REMEDY.

It has been already remarked that in the cases of constitutional forms of government cited, positions in the Upper House are given as rewards for services rendered. Who can be better informed of the qualifications for office of an individual member than those brethren who sit with him at meeting and probably are personally acquainted with him in the exercise of his daily avocation? If under such circumstances the member is elected to office he must have the confidence of the "whole lodge," and as such, should be worthy of a seat in the Senate, a privilege which should accompany the election to office, and ever remain with the member elected so long as he remained in good standing.

The adoption of such a system as this would to the writer's mind fulfill the conditions evidently dominant in those of the founders of the Sons of England, and would render a second or higher degree popular with the members, and one which they would be desirous to attain.

In conclusion it may be stated it does not seem advisable any extra cost should be incurred to take the degree, but that all charges should be borne by the General Fund of the lodge as a whole.

THOS. C. ANDREWS, W. P., Westwar Ho, No. 98, Winnipeg.

Tyne Lodge, Kingston, No. 79.

The following Lodge news appears to have been delayed in transmission: William C. Mitchell, aged 45, passed away on Sunday morning, Aug. 7th, of typhoid fever, at English hospital. His sickness was of short duration, yet he bore his sufferings with remarkable fortitude to the end. He leaves a wife and five children to mourn his loss. In the death of Brother Mitchell this Lodge loses one of its best members. Nearly always present at our meetings he won the love and esteem of all.

At the regular meeting of Tyne Lodge, No. 79, S.O.E.B.S. held at their Lodge room, Wednesday evening, Aug. 24, the following resolutions were adopted:

WHEREAS, Our Heavenly Father has seen fit in his infinite wisdom to call to himself our worthy Brother, William C. Mitchell; therefore be it

Resolved, That while we bow in humble submission to the divine will we cannot but regret the early demise of one who was so universally loved and esteemed by all who knew him.

Resolved, That the sincere and heartfelt sympathy of each and every member of our Lodge is hereby tendered to the wife and children of our deceased Brother, and we commend them to Him who is ever a present help in time of need.

Resolved, That as a tribute of respect and esteem our Charter be draped in mourning for sixty days.

Resolved, That these resolutions be entered upon the records of Tyne Lodge, and a copy sent to the bereaved family.

JOHN PORTER, P.P., WM. DUMBLETON, W.S.

Although he has left us yet his deeds will always remain.

Softly the daylight faded,  
Far in the distant blue,  
Blending its fading glory,  
Sweet with the twilight hue;  
Far in the distant portals,  
Opened a golden door.

Sweetly the angels' music,  
Came from the far off shore,  
Gently a voice came floating,  
Or the far off sea,  
Borne on the wings of angels,  
Calling him home to thee.

Sad was the hour of parting,  
Bitter the tears we shed,  
Laying him cold and silent,  
Down with the shrouded dead,  
Low like the strains of music,  
Came from the far off shore,  
Christ, thou hast called our loved one,  
Home to his rest in Thee.



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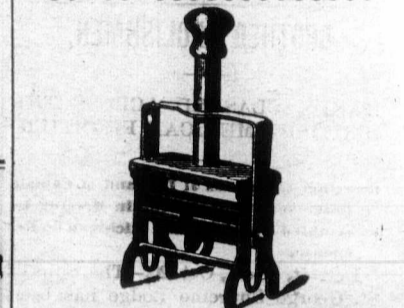
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